

MINUTES

meeting: **STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

date: **7 OCTOBER 2010**

PRESENT:-

Mr W A Parker (Chair)
Councillors Gwinnett, Turner and Wynne
Mr J Harris, Mr G W Hurd and Mr R C Tyler-Morris
(Independent Members)

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:-

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Jones, Miles and Mrs Mills, plus Mr K R Aithal and Mr A W Lee

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:-

F Davis - Group Manager (Advocacy Services)
L Banbury - Democratic Support Officer, Office of the
Chief Executive

Wolverhampton
City Council



PART I – OPEN ITEMS

Declarations of Interest

- 23 Mr Parker, Mr Harris and Mr Tyler-Morris declared personal interests in regard to agenda item 7, 'Monitoring Officer's report', as they were subject to re-appointment by full Council.

Minutes

- 24 Resolved:-
That the minutes of the meeting held on 22 July 2010 be approved as a correct record.

Revision of Constitution (Housekeeping Matters)

Pursuant to resolution 17 it was:-

- 25 Resolved:-
That a special meeting of the Committee be convened on 18 November 2010 to consider the following for approval by full Council on 15 December 2010:-
- (i) Revision of the Constitution (Housekeeping Matters)
 - (ii) Report of the Independent Remuneration Panel on Members' Allowances

Schedule of Outstanding Minutes (Appendix 1/23)

The Democratic Support Officer presented a report, which outlined a schedule of outstanding minutes together with an indication when it was expected that reports on individual items would be submitted for consideration.

- 26 Resolved:-
That the report be received.

Freedom of the City – Rachel Heyhoe-Flint (Appendix 1/24)

The Democratic Support Officer presented a report, which sought approval to convene an extraordinary meeting of full Council to confer the Freedom of the City on Rachael Heyhoe-Flint.

- 27 Resolved:-
- (a) That approval be given to the setting of an extraordinary meeting of full Council to confer Freedom of the City on Mrs Rachael Heyhoe-Flint OBE.
 - (b) That arrangements be made in due course to celebrate the honour.

Monitoring Officer's Report (Appendix 1/25)

The Deputy Monitoring Officer presented a report, which provided information on the future of Standards for England and the Standards Framework, monitoring returns and acceptance of complaints by Standards for England. The report also sought the re-appointment at full Council of independent members of the Committee who were appointed in 2002 and 2006.

28 Resolved:-

(a) That the report be received.

(b) That the re-appointment of Mr W A Parker, Mr J Harris, Mr K R Aithal and Mr R C Tyler-Morris be referred to the next meeting of full Council.

Exclusion of Press and Public

29 Resolved:-

That in accordance with Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from consideration of the items of business in Part II of the Agenda, on the grounds that in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, exempt information falling within paragraph 7c of Schedule 12A to the Act (information presented to a Standards Committee following written allegation under section 58 of the Local Government Act 2000) is likely to be disclosed.

PART II – EXEMPT ITEMS

Report of an Investigation (Appendix 1/26)

The Deputy Monitoring Officer presented a report, which provided the report of an investigation by the Ethical Standards Officer into an allegation concerning a Member of the Council.

The Committee decided against making arrangements for Members of the Council to receive update training on the Code of Conduct or for issues arising in the report to be referred for incorporation in the Member Development Programme.

30 Resolved:-

That the report be received.